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News from Local Congregations

Rush Memorial UCC, Atlanta, celebrated its 96th Anniversary with a ground breaking ceremony on August 23 for a fellowship hall to be named for a beloved previous pastor, Joseph Boone. They have secured financing from the UCC Cornerstone Fund.

Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta, has begun a building to expand their sanctuary to accommodate their recent growth.

First Congregational UCC, Atlanta, is about to embark on the next step of their building campaign, with a plan to completely restore the original building, and to improve the community building as an office suite and for class room space. They are also pleased to announce on **September 20 at 11:00** brilliant saxophonist and now seminarian **Kirk Whalum** will be our guest preacher and performer. All are invited!

Church of the Savior, Knoxville, is about to begin a series of capital improvements to expand their office and program space, with a loan from the Cornerstone Fund.

Beloved Community UCC, Birmingham reports that "fifteen members from Pilgrim UCC in Durham NC travelled to Birmingham, to do a civil rights tour and to help Beloved for 5 days! They landscaped, bought and installed planters and benches, bought us a weed eater and used it around our grounds, painted inside and out, helped us canvass 500 homes and organize a Neighborhood Open House and Ice Cream Social. It was an amazing act of generosity!"

First UCC, Belvidere, TN, pastor **Diantha Brown** celebrated Homecoming on August 9th by inviting their recent short term interim pastor **Chrissy Bonner** to preach.

--UCC affiliated **Fisk University** has entered collaboration with Vanderbilt University that is poised to become the nation's top source of Ph.D.s in physics and astronomy awarded to underrepresented minorities has received a major boost from three federal grants totaling \$3.7 million. "We are pleased to receive this federal support for Fisk, Vanderbilt and Delaware State students which reflects the quality of our existing programs," said Fisk President Hazel R. O'Leary.

Holy Trinity Community UCC, Nashville, is about to start a second TAP class, and has 18 member who have expressed an interest!

We received word that **Peace Congregational UCC, Clemson, SC**, received a grant from the NiN offering of the United Church of Christ, to promote a community garden to improve nutrition in low income communities.

Brookmeade Congregational UCC, Nashville, walked for health care reform following worship on Sunday, August 23. Folks ages from 3 months old to 80 participate. Next step is to meet with our congressman and let him know our feelings. Pictures are at www.webshots.com.

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Celebrating their common covenant in the UCC, **Virginia-Highland Church (A UCC and Baptist congregation)** and **Kirkwood UCC**, a new church start, both in Atlanta, shared worship and communion on August 23rd, followed by a pot luck lunch. Interim Pastor **Chris Glaser** of Virginia-Highland preached.

Discover the UCC!

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